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Solanum lycopersicum GCR26 cell suspension culture

Components

- Domestic delivery: A 50-mL plastic conical centrifuge tube, containing cell suspension
- Overseas delivery: A 250-mL plastic Erlenmeyer flask, containing cells placed on semi-solid medium

Notice

- Subculture the cells to fresh medium immediately after arrival [Notes I, II].
- Do not store the cell culture in a refrigerator and a freezer.
- Maintain aseptic conditions of the cell culture, and work in a laminar flow cabinet.

Method

- Culture medium: MS medium, 0.2 mg/L 2,4-D, 2 mg/L NAA, 0.2 mg/L zeatin, pH 5.8 (medium no. 39) [Materials III]
- Culture conditions: 27℃, dark, 120 rpm [Methods II]
- Subculture: 7-day intervals [Methods I]

Citation of cell line

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Introduction

Tomato GCR26 cell line was established from *Solanum lycopersicum* L. cultivar Craigella accession GCR26 (Ishibashi *et al.* 2007). The accession GCR26 is nearly isogenic to tomato accession GCR237, but the GCR26 is susceptible to tomato mosaic virus infection (Motoyoshi and Oshima 1977). The GCR26 cells are grown in a Murashige and Skoog (MS) medium supplemented with 0.2 mg/L 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D), 2 mg/L 1-naphthaleneacetic acid (NAA) and 0.2 mg/L zeatin, pH 5.8. Our GCR26 cell culture has been maintained in the dark at 27℃ with rotary shaking at 120 rpm and subcultured at 7-day intervals.

Materials

Chemicals and stock solutions

(All stock solutions are stored at 4℃)

A) MS salt mix

Murashige and Skoog Plant Salt Mixture, FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Corporation (#392-00591)

B) Sucrose

C) MS_VT

Nicotinic acid	0.5 mg/mL
Pyridoxine·HCl	0.5 mg/mL
Thiamine·HCl	0.1 mg/mL
Glycine	2 mg/mL

D) MS_inositol

myo-Inositol	40 mg/mL

E) 2,4-D (0.2 mg/mL)

2,4-D sodium monohydrate 0.236 mg/mL
(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)acetic acid sodium salt monohydrate, Sigma-Aldrich (D6679)

F) NAA (1 mg/mL)

NAA·K 1.2 mg/mL
Potassium 1-naphthylacetate, FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Corporation (#161-04021)

G) Zeatin (1 mg/mL)

trans-Zeatin	1 mg/mL

Dissolve *trans*-zeatin in small volume of KOH (1 N), and fill up with distilled water

H) KOH (1 N)

Glassware

A) Erlenmeyer flask (300 mL), capped with two layers of aluminum foil

B) Pipette (10 mL; large tip opening) and a bulb, sterilized by autoclaving at 121℃ for 20 min

Preparation of MS medium (medium no. 39)

1. Dissolve the following chemicals in approximately 800 mL of distilled water.

MS salt mix	1 bag (1 L)
Sucrose	30 g

2. Add following stock solutions, and fill up to approximately 950 mL with distilled water.

MS_VT	1 mL
MS_inositol	2.5 mL
2,4-D (0.2 mg/mL)	1 mL
NAA (1 mg/mL)	2 mL
Zeatin (1 mg/mL)	0.2 mL

3. Adjust the pH of the solution to 5.8 with KOH (1 N), and fill up to 1 L with distilled water.

4. Pour 75 mL of the medium into a 300-mL flask.

5. Autoclave the flask at 121℃ for 20 min.

Methods

1. Agitate a 7-day-old culture well and transfer 2.6–5 mL of cell suspension to 75 mL of fresh MS medium with a pipette.

2. Incubate cell cultures on a rotary shaker at 120 rpm under the dark condition at 27℃.

Notes

- For domestic customers: We send GCR26 cell suspension in a 50-mL disposable conical centrifuge tube. The cells should be transferred to fresh MS medium immediately after arrival.

- For overseas customers: We send GCR26 cells placed on semi-solid MS medium in a 250-mL disposable Erlenmeyer flask. The cells should be transferred to fresh MS medium immediately after arrival. Collect the cells from the semi-solid medium with a spatula and transfer them to Erlenmeyer flasks containing fresh liquid medium.

- In order to maintain GCR26 cell suspension cultures stably, it is essential to transfer an adequate amount of cells to fresh MS medium in every subculture. The amount of cells may vary from one lab to another, because proliferation of GCR26 cells is affected by culture conditions, such as a room temperature, rotation speed of a rotary shaker, and aeration condition of the culture.

- In order to obtain good aeration of a suspension culture, a silicone sponge plug may be used instead of the aluminum foil cap (*e.g.*, cap-type Silicosen; Shin-Etsu Polymer, Tokyo, Japan; https://www.shinpoly.co.jp/en/product/product/medical/plugs.html).

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Appendix A: Formulation of culture medium

Table A.1. Murashige and Skoog medium (medium no. 39)

Chemical	Concentration (mg/L)
KNO_3	1900
NH_4NO_3	1650
$CaCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$	440
$MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$	370
KH_2PO_4	170
H_3BO_3	6.2
$MnSO_4 \cdot 4H_2O$	22.3
$ZnSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$	8.6
KI	0.83
$Na_2MoO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$	0.25
$CuSO_4 \cdot 5H_2O$	0.025
$CoCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$	0.025
$FeSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$	27.8
Na_2-EDTA	37.3
Nicotinic acid	0.5
Pyridoxine·HCl	0.5
Thiamine·HCl	0.1
Glycine	2
myo-Inositol	100
Sucrose	30000
2,4-D sodium monohydrate	0.236
NAA·K	2.4
trans-Zeatin	0.2